



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Public Lands Day

WHEREAS, public lands in Rhode Island provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, public lands in Rhode Island promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, assisting land managers improves public lands for outdoor recreation, providing Americans with an opportunity to engage in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the Civilian Conservation Corps (1933-44) gave our nation a magnificent legacy of stewardship of our treasured national resources that is being passed to other generations; and

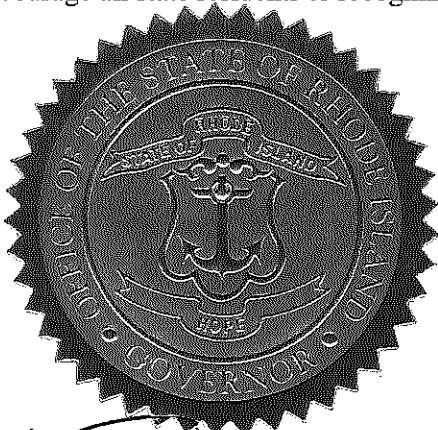
WHEREAS, the Rhode Island JAYCEES via its regional Kent County Junior Chamber has set a remarkable example of community organizations building extraordinary landscape infrastructures at the award-winning JAYCEE Corridor & Arboretum and the rehabilitation of the Senator Donald Roch Riverwalk that has been a statewide venue for many holidays; and

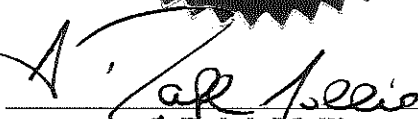
WHEREAS, land conservation builds awareness among urban dwellers with concerns about planned development, shared land use, preservation of wild areas and natural habitats, and the benefits realized by diligent restoration and enhancement efforts; and

WHEREAS, an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders such as the Rhode Island / Kent County JAYCEES and other Service Learning Academies and related dedicated community volunteers improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

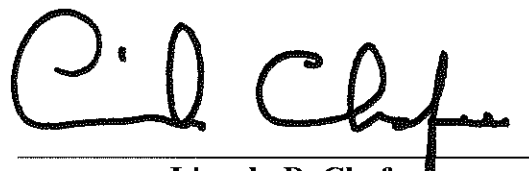
WHEREAS, Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has become an annually anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in this great State of Rhode Island; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2011 as Public Lands Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 28th day of September, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor